

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
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COVER FOR SECONDARY BATTERY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO REDUCE PTO FILING FEE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Kindly amend claims 5 and 6 as follows.

5. (Amended) A lid of a secondary battery as claimed in claim 3 wherein said sealing member is made of a fluororesin.

6. (Amended) A lid of a secondary battery as claimed in claim 3 wherein said sealing member comprises a flat plate having a hole to form said flange portion, and a cylindrical portion that is separate from said flange portion.

Kindly add new claims 8 and 9 as follows.

8. (New) A lid of a secondary battery as claimed in claim 4 wherein said sealing member is made of a fluororesin.

9. (New) A lid of a secondary battery as claimed in claim 4 wherein said sealing member comprises a flat plate having a hole to form said flange portion, and a cylindrical portion that is separate from said flange portion.

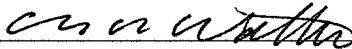
REMARKS

The above claim amendments are presented in order to remove multiple claim dependencies, so as to reduce the required filing fee.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attachment page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

Respectfully submitted,

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insulating member and said sealing member to said body,
and a lead wire mounted to one end face of said rivet.

4. A lid of a secondary battery comprising a plate-shaped body formed with a hole, a cylindrical sealing member inserted in said hole formed in said body, said sealing member having a flange portion at one end thereof and made of an insulating material, a rivet inserted in said sealing member and caulked to join said sealing member to said body, and a lead wire mounted to one end face of said rivet.

5. A lid of a secondary battery as claimed in claim 3
~~or 4~~ wherein said sealing member is made of a fluororesin.

6. A lid of a secondary battery as claimed in claim 3
~~or 4~~ wherein said sealing member comprises a flat plate having a hole to form said flange portion, and a cylindrical portion that is separate from said flange portion.

7. A lid of a secondary battery as claimed in claim 6 wherein said cylindrical portion is made of a fluororesin.